Construction of Alwar-Mathura Broad Gauge Railway Line

1245. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the work on Alwar-Mathura Broad Gauge railway line was sanctioned;

(b) what has been the year-wise progress in terms of expenditure and physical achievement of the target in this regard;

(c) when the railway line is likely to be finally commissioned; and

(d) what was the original estimate and what is likely to be the total expenditure by the time the project is completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 1984-85.

(b) Year-wise expenditure and progress are as under:—

Year	Expenditure Rs. crore.	Physical % progress upto the year
1984-85 . . .	1·36	2
1985-86 . . .	1·32	5
1986-87 . . .	1·50	8

(c) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

(d) Original estimated cost is Rs. 34.75 crores. Total expenditure on completion will depend on completion period and rates prevailing during this perid.

Dieselisation of Chetak Express

1246. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from Members of Parliament during the last three years regarding dieselisation of the Chetak Express running between Delhi and Udaipur;

(b) if so, when Government propose to dieselise this train; and

(c) what are the criteria in the selection of trains for dieselisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to shortage of diesel locomotives and weak track structure on the Ajmer-Udaipur section, dieselisation has not been found feasible.

(c) Subjet to availability of diesel engines, long distance train with long loads are given preference.

Conversion of Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur Rail Track to Broad Gauge

1247. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the techno-economic survey on the conversion of Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur metre gauge track into broad gauge has been completed and if so, what are its fiindings; and

(b) what is the estimated cost and period in which the project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A Traffic Appraisal survery for this conversion has recently been completed. As per project report, the estimated cost for conversion of this 131 kms. section is Rs. 55.09 crores. Decision on the project has not been taken yet.